

SENIOR STAFF MEETING

AGENDA

Director's Conference Room
Second Floor
Administration Building
on Monday, 18 July 1955

Report on the status of the new building

MR. DULLES

Critique of Operation ALERT 1955

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The Clark Report

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STAFF CONFERENCE

Minutes of Meeting Held in Director's
Conference Room 214 Administration Building,
Monday, 18 July 1955

Mr. Dulles Presiding

✓ Robert Amory, Jr., Deputy Director for Intelligence
✓ Frank Wisner, Deputy Director for Plans
✓ Col. L. K. White, Deputy Director for Support
✓ Lyman Kirkpatrick, Inspector General
✓ Col. Matthew Baird, Director of Training
[redacted] Assistant Director for Communications
[redacted] Executive Assistant to the Director
[redacted] Assistant to the Director
[redacted] Assistant to the Director
[redacted] Acting Assistant Director for Collection & Dissemination
✓ James Angleton, Chief, CI Staff, DD/P
✓ George Aurell, Chief, Far East Division
[redacted] Chief, [redacted]
[redacted] Chief, Planning and Program Coord. Staff
[redacted] Chief, Western European Division
[redacted] for the Chief, Eastern Europe Division
George Carey, Assistant Director for Operations
✓ Col. Sheffield Edwards, Director of Security
[redacted] Auditor-in-Chief
[redacted] for Chief of Logistics
[redacted] for Chief, Technical Services Staff
[redacted] for Chief, Near East and Africa Division
Dr. Otto E. Guthe, Assistant Director for Research and Reports
✓ Richard Helms, Chief of Operations, DD/P
✓ John Warner, for General Counsel
✓ Dr. Sherman Kent, Assistant Director for National Estimates
[redacted] for Chief, Western Hemisphere Division
[redacted] Chief, Soviet Russia Division
[redacted] Management Officer
Walter Pforzheimer, Legislative Counsel
[redacted] for Chief, Southeast Europe Division
Edward R. Saunders, Comptroller
Huntington D. Sheldon, Assistant Director for Current Intelligence
[redacted] Chief, Foreign Intelligence Staff
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[redacted] Special Assistant to the DDI
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1. THE NEW BUILDING

Mr. Dulles stated that Congress had authorized \$46,000,000 for a new building; \$1,000,000 for the site if Langley is not chosen, and \$8,500,000 for roads to Langley if that site is chosen. He said that appropriations as presently written in the bill were \$3,000,000 for planning. He said that this would not be adequate if the Langley site is chosen, since about \$4,000,000 will be needed to get the road construction under way. He reported that he had informed the Congress that he considered Langley as the best site from the long-range point of view, but that other sites were also under active consideration. He said that the group opposing the Langley site was small, but vociferous. Colonel White and his group were praised by Mr. Dulles, who said that he was optimistic about the prospects for a new building.

2. OPERATION ALERT 1955

Mr. Dulles said that a number of lessons had been learned from OPERATION ALERT, most of which would be discussed by others to follow.

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Colonel White recommended in the next exercise, the Agency run one overall set of problems rather than two distinctly different sets as was done in this exercise.

3. CLARK REPORT

Mr. Dulles said that the Clark Report was under study, with Mr. Kirkpatrick as the focal point for our comments, which are to be made to the White House on 13 August. Mr. Dulles said that other

than to study the report, no action would be taken on the recommendations until after we have made our report to the White House, and then based upon White House comments, we will take action. He discussed the several recommendations and said that he considered most of them to be advantageous but that there were some with which he disagreed. Colonel White reported that there were considerable rumors throughout the Agency regarding sweeping changes as a result of the report, and Colonel Baird recommended that the Director make some statement to all Agency personnel to allay these rumors. Mr. Dulles said that he would prefer to have each of those present to transmit verbally through the chain of command to all personnel his appreciation for the work everyone did in connection with the Clark Report, and to assure them that the report was not unfavorable and further, to emphasize that practically all the critical comments were made in the unclassified report. Mr. Wisner commented that he felt we had come through a "test of fire" and had come out "of age." Mr. Dulles asked Mr. Wisner to get with Colonel Baird for a possible written message to all personnel.



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